

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) A modular orthopaedic implant system comprising:

a first component having a ~~distal~~ articulating surface, a ~~proximal~~ end opposite the ~~distal~~ articulating surface, an interior surface defining a tapered bore at the ~~proximal~~ end, the tapered bore being widest at the proximal end and extending distally from the proximal end, and an exterior surface spaced from the ~~distal~~ articulating surface, at least a portion of the exterior surface surrounding the tapered bore, the portion of the exterior surface surrounding the tapered bore being asymmetrical in at least one cross-section, the maximum dimension of the first component in ~~the proximal-distal~~ one direction being the distance from the ~~distal~~ articulating surface to the ~~proximal~~ end; and

a tapered metaphyseal component mountable to the ~~proximal~~ end of the first component;

wherein the tapered metaphyseal component includes a tapered post sized and shaped to be receivable within the tapered bore of the first component and to create a frictional lock between the first component and the tapered metaphyseal component.

2. (original) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 1 wherein the first component comprises a distal femoral component that is sized and shaped to replace more than the distal 3 cm. of the native femur.

3. (withdrawn) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of orthopaedic components having tapered bores sized and shaped to be received in and frictionally lock with the tapered bore of the first component.
4. (withdrawn) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 3 wherein at least one of the plurality of orthopaedic components comprises a segment sized and shaped to replace a portion of the shaft of a long bone.
5. (cancelled)
6. (amended) A modular orthopaedic implant system comprising:
 - a first component having a distal articulating surface, a proximal end opposite the distal articulating surface, an interior surface defining a tapered bore at the proximal end, the bore extending in a distal direction and being widest at the proximal end, and an exterior surface spaced from the articulating surface, at least a portion of the exterior surface surrounding the tapered bore, the portion of the exterior surface surrounding the tapered bore being asymmetrical in at least one cross-section, the maximum proximal-distal dimension of the first component being the distance from the distal articulating surface to the proximal end; and
 - a tapered metaphyseal component mountable to the first component;
 - wherein the tapered metaphyseal component has an interior surface defining a distal tapered bore, the system further comprising an adapter for connecting the tapered metaphyseal component to the first component, the adapter having a tapered post at one end

sized and shaped to be receivable within the tapered bore of the first component and to create a frictional lock between the first component and the adapter, the adapter further comprising a tapered post at the opposite end sized and shaped to be receivable within the tapered bore of the tapered metaphyseal component and to create a frictional lock between the adapter and the tapered metaphyseal component, wherein the posts are most narrow at the ends of the adapter.

7. (previously presented) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 6 wherein the two tapered posts of the adapter are different from each other in size or shape, and wherein the two tapered posts are integral.

8. (withdrawn) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 1 wherein the tapered metaphyseal component has an interior surface defining an opening, the system further comprising:

a first stem extension having a distal end and a proximal end, the distal end being shaped and sized to be received in and mate with the opening of the tapered metaphyseal component;

a second stem extension having a distal end and a proximal end, the distal end of the second femoral stem extension being different from the distal end of the first femoral stem extension shape in size or shape;

an adapter for connecting the second femoral stem extension to the tapered metaphyseal component, the adapter having an end sized and shaped to be received in and mate with the opening of the tapered metaphyseal component, and the adapter opposite end

having an opening sized and shaped to receive and mate with the distal end of the second femoral stem extension.

9. (withdrawn) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 8 wherein the distal end of the second stem extension is threaded.

10-23. cancelled

24. (previously presented) An orthopaedic implant system comprising:

a first implantable component having an articulating surface to replace a portion of a patient's bone;

a second implantable component;

the first implantable component having a tapered bore;

the second implantable component having a tapered bore differing from the tapered bore of the first implantable component in at least one characteristic;

an adapter for connecting the first implantable component to the second implantable component, the adapter including two tapered posts, one of said tapered posts being at one end of the adapter and being sized and shaped to be received in and frictionally lock with the tapered bore of the first implantable component and the other of said tapered posts being at the opposite end of the adapter and being sized and shaped to be received in and frictionally lock with the tapered bore of the second implantable component, the two posts being most narrow at the ends of the adapter.

25. (original) The system of claim 24 wherein the first implantable component comprises a distal femoral component and the second implantable component comprises a tapered metaphyseal component.

26. (withdrawn) The system of claim 25 further comprising an implantable segment sized and shaped to replace a diaphyseal portion of a long bone, the implantable segment having a tapered post sized and shaped to be received in and frictionally lock with the tapered bore of the distal femoral component.

27-34 cancelled

Please add new claims 35-36:

35. (new) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 1 wherein the tapered bore of the first component has a depth of at least 1 inch.

36. (new) The modular orthopaedic implant system of claim 1 wherein the tapered bore of the first component has a depth of at least 1.3 inches.